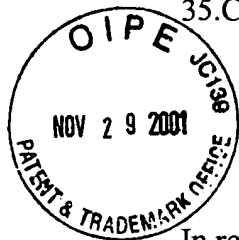


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japan 9-54263, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japan 9-54263 was discussed in the specification at page 2, lines 6 to 10, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein. An English-language abstract for this Japanese document is also enclosed.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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